



Dog Owner's Guide



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Owning a dog should be a pleasant experience for you and the community in which it lives.

Provided here is a brief overview of some animal laws which are designed to ensure the wellbeing of your dog and provide a basic level of protection for the community from nuisance dogs or dogs at large.

Violations of any of these laws could result in you, as the dog owner or keeper of a dog, being summonsed to court.

As a responsible dog owner, you need to be aware of the laws governing dog ownership and do your part in complying with these requirements.



State Laws, Title 7

Section 3921: License Necessary.

All dogs upon reaching the age of 6 months must be licensed in the town where it resides.

Section 3911: Dogs Not to Run at Large.

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when used for hunting. At large means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person.

Section 4011: Cruelty to Animals.

It is unlawful to injure, torture, torment, abandon, poison, cruelly beat or give alcohol to any animal. It is unlawful to deprive any animal of necessary sustenance, necessary medical attention, proper shelter or protection from the weather.



License Fees:

Licenses are due by December 31 of each year. The fee is \$11.00 or \$6.00 if the dog is neutered or spayed. We need an up to date rabies certificate to license your dog. We also need a neutered or spayed certificate if applicable. You may renew the license online. You can find the application at: www.doglicensing.com

After January 31, a \$25.00 late fee will be charged. Any dog that remains unregistered as of April 1 will be summons to court by the Animal Control Officer.

If you are a new resident to Waterville and your dog is registered from your previous residence, you must come in to Waterville City Hall to exchange tags & update the license for a fee of \$1.00.

Impound Fees:

Any dog found at large may be impounded. Prior to release the owner will first have to license the dog and pay all impound and shelter fees. The Humane Society of Waterville charges \$15.00 per day and an extra cost for shots given.



Did you know:

- Barking may be a result of boredom. How often do you interact with your dog?
- All dogs will bite. Use caution when approaching an unfamiliar dog.
- A new law prohibits transporting dogs in the back of pickup trucks unless it's properly secured.
- Short hair dogs are not native to cold climates. If you keep your dog outside in the winter, is it's housing adequate?



Taking your dog for a walk?

Please bring along a "Scooper" and a plastic bag. We have an ordinance, so your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated by all kids and adults in Waterville.

There is also a limit on how many dogs you may have in the City of Waterville. Ordinance allows up to three (3) dogs.

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